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Now is the Time . . .

THE weather will be getting colder soon.
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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Yesterday we received notice from the publishers of the WEBSTER EDITION OF THE ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA, that owing to the enormous increase in the price of paper, with the publishers' desire to make the same liberal offer as heretofore. Thirty large volumes of the Encyclopedia, one guide to Systematic Reading of the Encyclopedia, One Upright Oak Bookcase and One Large Webster's Encyclopedia free of charge. All the above will be delivered upon the small payment of

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COMPLAINTS OF BOER METHODS

Abuse Red Cross Protection and
Fire on Flags of Truce.

THE HOT FIRE AT MODDER

Effective Up to 1600 yards and in
Many Ways Will Revolutionize
Existing Theories.

LONDON, Dec. 6, 4:33 p. m.—The
censorship continues to be of the strict-
est character. Virtually no news is al-
lowed to pass except the diaries of
events within the beleaguered garri-
sons and positions.

According to the latest accounts of
the battle of Modder river the Boer
fire was the hottest on record and will
revolutionize existing theories. It was
effective up to 1600 yards, but casual-
ties among prone troops was trifling.

It was found impossible to bring
British ammunition reserves to the
firing line. Many Boers wearing Red
Cross badges were actually employed
in serving out ammunition.

In connection with many accusations
against Boer indifference to the laws
of warfare, a letter published in Cape
Town asserts that before the Trans-
vaal ultimatum was sent, the Boer
leaders considered the policy of using
white flags when driven into a corner
in order to deceive British commanders
and this policy was generally ap-
proved.

It is reported that the mobilization
of the seventh division will be ordered
at Aldershot as a preparation for
emergency.

DAMAGE TO KIMBERLEY MINES

PRETORIA, Dec. 1, (Friday)—The
Standard and Diggers News says on
Wednesday last Cecil Rhodes' dis-
patches intercepted near Kimberley
said the de Biers mines were filling
with water and that Rhodes estimated
the damage at \$50,000 per day.

TO SUPERCEDE BULLER

Report That South African Command
is to be Given to Lord Roberts.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—A dispatch to
the World from London, says:

Field Marshal Lord Roberts will be
ordered to Cape Town to take chief
command of all the British forces in
South Africa, according to a rumor
prevailing tonight, superseding General
Buller. Lord Roberts ranks next to
Lord Wolseley, the commander in chief
in India.

This news caused a decided commo-
tion in military circles, which were
already greatly agitated by the order-
ing out of 10,000 fresh men under Major
General Thomas Kelly-Kenny, inspec-
tor general of the auxiliary forces, and
recruiting.

Military experts think General Gat-
acre, French and Methuen are operat-
ing almost as independent commanders.
Continental critics insist that the
Boer tactics will land General Methuen
at Kimberley so weakened that he will
not be able to move toward Bloemfont-
ein or Pretoria because his lines be-
hind will be cut by raiders. The same
authorities declare that the Free
States can hold Generals French and
Gatacre while all the remaining Boer
troops in the east will meet General
Buller at Tugela river and eventually
wear out General White at Ladysmith.

It is said now that only 500 Boers
fought General Lord Methuen at Gras-
pan, that the force he defeated at Bel-
mont retreated to the Orange Free
State and that the troops he met at
Modder river were wholly fresh com-
mandos from the Transvaal.

The mobility of the Boers is a source
of constant surprise and anxiety to
the British authorities.

The entire British public, from royal-
ty to the lower classes, is plunged into
amazement and grief at the frightful
losses in battle. The queen now goes
about her functions with red eyes and
is reported to weep and bemoan the
death of her soldiers and the terrible
ravages of war.

The Princess of Wales in private ex-
presses her horror of war, and the ter-
rible suffering and pain brought upon
the British. The war office is constant-
ly besieged by members of nobility
seeking information of relatives at the
front. One duchess refuses to read any
telegrams sent her for fear of receiv-
ing the worst news of her sons, coun-
sins, nephews or other members of her
family at the front.

BOERS OPPOSING BULLER

An Estimate of Their Number Places
It at From 15,000 to 20,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—A dispatch to
the Herald from London says:

It is now certain that the Boers are
in great force on the further side of
Tugela river. The Boer army which
invaded Natal was put by good judges

at 25,000 to 30,000 men. If we accept
the latter figure, and deduct 2,000 for
losses, which may have been made by
many disloyal Dutch recruits from
Natal, and another 10,000 for the re-
maining force at Ladysmith, the total
army confronting General Buller may
be from 15,000 to 20,000 men.

NEWS FROM LADYSMITH

Casualties From the Boer Bombard-
ment Since the First
Investment.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—A dispatch to
the Herald from Pietermaritzburg,
says:

News from Ladysmith is beginning
to come in more freely. The latest dis-
patch says that from the beginning of
the investment up to last Saturday,
Nov. 25, there were 422 killed and
wounded, including both military and
civilians.

The Boers shell the town from all
sides, and their favorite time for open-
ing being at midnight.

The heaviest casualties occurred on
November 9, when the Boers made a
determined attack, advancing close to
the camp. They were routed with
heavy loss, our casualties numbering
21. The next day General Joubert be-
gan shelling the town from the north.

We lost one killed in an attack on
the 21st, the Boers again losing heavily.
On the 20th, the bombardment which
had been more or less severe, dam-
aged some buildings. On the following
day it was announced that the Boers
were going south.

CHARGE BRITISH CRUELITIES

Accused of Massacring Boers After
Surrendering Their Arms in
Surrender.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—A dispatch to
the World from London, says:

Ugly charges are made against British
soldiers at Elands Laagte by a cor-
respondent of the leading Amsterdam
paper, the Algemeen Handelsblad,
who visited the Boer prisoners aboard
the guardship Penelope, in Simon's bay.
It is charged that the prisoners and
the wounded were robbed of every-
thing valuable, even wedding rings,
and that in one case a Boer's finger
was cut off to get a ring. The corre-
spondent says:

"Never have I thought English-
men to be such brutes. I imagine that
about 30 men were behind a kopje when
700 Boers attacked them. The Boers
had to surrender to such overwhelming
numbers and threw down their weap-
ons in token of submission. But a
captain of the lancers shouted 'Kill the
—' whereupon a tremendous mas-
sacre ensued. Southwester, the only
person among them, was spared be-
cause he had remained flat on the
ground."

Remarkable corroboration of this
charge is furnished by a letter written
by Private Dolan, of the Fifth lancers,
about obviously the same incident at
Elands Laagte.

He describes how the lancers charged
a kopje, adding, "as soon as they saw
the lancers they threw up their rifles
and ammunition and cried 'friends.'
It was no go, for they fired on the Red
Cross and we had no mercy for them."

SOUTH AFRICAN TRADE

British Development There Will Make
a Large Market for American
Products.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Part of the
large seagoing ship, the S. S. Barber
line, which sailed from Brook-
lyn, contained the first Brooklyn ship-
ment of horses for South Africa. She
carries six troop horses and 35 mules.
Lack of space was the only reason why
the number was not larger.

The remainder of the steamships car-
go consisted of 500 tons of steel rails to
repair the railroads torn up by the
Boers and there was also a large ship-
ment of wheat, oats, food stuffs and
canned goods. The ship will call at
Cape Town, Port Elizabeth and Port
Natal.

The steamship Honorius will soon ar-
rive at the Atlantic dock to load for the
East African ports. She is chartered
by the British government and will
take a cargo of canned meats, topped
off with baled hay. After discharging
she will return direct to England to
load troops for Africa. A sister ship
from New Orleans will sail on Satur-
day with 1,000 mules. While the ma-
chine export business has fallen off
considerably, owing to the war, an
immense trade of all kinds is expected
as soon as the trouble is over. This
hope has aroused the South African
steamship lines to great activity.

The Orwell is loading an immense
cargo of structural iron materials for
bridges and buildings at the same
pier. It is consigned to Zanzibar, Cal-
cutta and Bombay.

OVERDUE FLEET ARRIVING

New Record Established Between San
Francisco and Portland.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 5.—Six more
vessels of the overdue fleet reached
port today and two of them reported
very stormy trips. They are: Steamer
Portland, 12 days from Portland; the
schooner Seven Sisters, 16 days from
Cooch bay; the La Giroude, 22 days
from Grays Harbor; the Premier, 21
days from Olympia; the Letitia, 24 days
from Grays Harbor; and Charles Hud-
son, 27 days from Cooch bay.

THE ROBERTS CASE REFERRED

Large Majority for Taylor Reso-
lution of Investigation.

IT WAS NOT A PARTY VOTE

Only Twenty-Eight Democrats Sup-
port His Right to Prima Facie
Admission.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—After an
interesting debate of three hours, the
house today, by a vote of 302 to 26,
adopted the resolution offered by Tay-
lor, of Ohio, yesterday for the appoint-
ment of a special committee to in-
vestigate the charges against Brigham
H. Roberts, the Mormon representa-
tive-elect from Utah.

Previously the house had rejected a
substitute resolution offered by Rich-
ardson, the leader of the minority, to
allow Roberts to be sworn in and to
send the whole case to the judiciary
committee. This substitute resolution,
however, by no means commanded the
full democratic strength. Only 57
members voted for it. Of the 20 who
then voted against the Taylor resolu-
tion, all were democrats except two,
Loud, of California, a republican, and
Newlands, a silverite of Nevada.

By the terms of the resolution Rob-
erts is not only excluded from all par-
ticipation in the proceedings of the
house until the committee reports and
the house passes upon the case, but he
is denied a seat in the hall. Whether
this will be interpreted to deny him ad-
mission within the chamber, pending
the disposition of his case, is yet to
be decided.

The reading of the president's mes-
sage was completely overshadowed by
the dramatic proceedings which result-
ed in the action of the house today.
The galleries were thronged with spec-
tators, mostly women, who sat patient-
ly through the three weary hours that
preceded the debate and then waited
on three hours more until it was con-
cluded.

The most remarkable feature of the
debate was the fact that Roberts' pre-
sentation of his own side of the case,
which lasted almost an hour, became
so absorbing that he won the sympathy
of many of those in the galleries and
was several times showered with ap-
plause.

It was evident that he realized the
house was overwhelmingly against him
and at times he spoke fiercely and de-
fiantly. During the debate Grovernor,
(rep.) of Ohio, rose to indignantly re-
pel an insinuation of Roberts that the
president had knowingly appointed
men guilty of polygamy to federal of-
fices in Utah.

ROBERTS' VOTE IN DETAIL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The Rob-
erts' resolution was adopted by a vote
of 302 to 26. Those who voted in the
negative were as follows: Adams, Al-
len, (Miss.), Bailey, Ball, Brewer,
Burris, Carmack, Cooper, Davy,
Degraffenried, Dismore, Fitzpatrick,
Fleming, Kitcher, Lester, Lewis, Mc-
Clellan, McCulloch, Maddox, Norton,
(S. Car.), Rhea, Richardson, Robbins,
Snyder, Small, Snodgrass, Stephens,
Turner, (democrats); Newlands, of
Nevada, Loud, of California, (rep.).

The speaker then appointed the fol-
lowing members of the special commit-
tee under the resolution: Republicans
—Taylor, Ohio, chairman; Landis, Ind.,
Morris, Minn.; Freer, West Virginia;
Littlefield, Maine; McPherson, Iowa;
Democrats—Dearmond, Missouri; Lan-
ham, Texas; Meyers, Ind.

The death of late Representative
Settle, of Kentucky, was then an-
nounced and at 6:25 p. m., as a fur-
ther mark of respect, the house adjourned
until Thursday.

THE SENATE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Today's ses-
sion of the senate lasted two hours
and forty minutes, practically the en-
tire time being consumed in the
reading of the president's message.
The reading was largely perfunctory,
few senators accorded it any atten-
tion.

The announcement of the death of
Senator-elect Hayward, of Nebraska,
was received by the senate with sin-
cere regret. The senate adopted the
resolutions of regret presented by Sen-
ator Thurston, and as a mark of re-
spect adjourned immediately.

THE FINANCIAL BILL

Republicans Caucus Last Night to
Adopt Plans for Its Passage.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—A caucus of
the republican members of the house
of representatives was held tonight to
consider plans for advancing the house
financial bill.

About 100 members, including Speak-
er Henderson, and all prominent lead-
ers on the republican side were pres-

ent. Overstreet of Indiana, who pre-
sented the bill, explained it section by
section.

As he proceeded many questions were
asked. One of the inquiries was as to
the effect of the continued depreciation
of silver, to which Overstreet answered
that further depreciation would be im-
possible under the bill, as silver could
be taken to the treasury and exchanged
for gold, thus maintaining the
parity of the metals.

Overstreet continued his explanation
until 12 o'clock, when the caucus ad-
journed until 2 p. m. tomorrow. This
was to permit further debate and was
not regarded as unfavorable to the
bill.

SENATE REORGANIZATION

Silver Republicans Will Act With the
Opposition in the Appointment
of Standing Committees.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Three cau-
cuses were held at the senate end of
the capitol today. They were under
the auspices respectively of the dem-
ocrats, the republicans and the populist
senators, the latter including the silver
republicans, and each considering the
reorganization of the senate commit-
tees. In each case a detail of work
was referred to special committees.

Senator Allison was empowered by
the republican caucus to select a com-
mittee of nine to confer with the op-
position and make the appointment
of members. There was a general un-
derstanding that the republicans should
have a clear majority on all commit-
tees.

The democrats transacted no busi-
ness beyond the unanimous selection
of Senator Jones of Arkansas as
chairman of the caucus to succeed
Senator Turpie, and the authorization
of the chairman to appoint a com-
mittee to confer with the republican com-
mittee on the reorganization of the
standing committees.

The independents agreed to act with
the democrats in the organization of
the senate and Senator Pettigrew was
appointed to act as a member of the
minority committee on committees.
This conference was attended by all
the silver republicans and populist sen-
ators, of whom there are eight.

PROSECUTION OF TRUSTS

Only to Be Maintained in United
States Courts When in Conflict With
Federal Law—Increase of Judicial
Salaries Recommended.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Attorney
General Griggs in his annual report to
congress says that application is oc-
casionally made to his department to
have legal proceedings brought in the
name of the United States against cor-
porations or combinations of com-
panies that are alleged to be engaged
in forming or maintaining monopolies
or agreements in restraint of trade.

"Such actions," the attorney general
says, "can be maintained only when
the offence comes within the scope of
the federal statute. The federal gov-
ernment has no constitutional right to
supervise, direct or interfere with the
transaction of ordinary business the
people of the several states unless such
business relates directly, and not in-
cidentally, to interstate commerce, and
such has been the decision of the su-
preme court of the United States."

He recommends an increase of sal-
ary to the chief justice and associate
justice of the supreme court of the
United States of \$20,000 a year and to
circuit court judges of \$10,000 and dis-
trict judges of \$7,500 a year.

ATTEMPT TO RETAKE VIGAN

Natives Make Attack in Force
but Are Repulsed With Loss.

KENTUCKY CANYASS BOARD

In Spite of all the Goebelites Can do,
Taylor is Shown to Have Nearly
Three Thousand Majority.

MANILA, Dec. 6: 11 a. m.—Last
night a force of insurgents, estimated
at 500 attacked the American garri-
son of 200 at Vigan, in the province of
South Ilocos. The American loss was
eight killed and many wounded.

After some very hard fighting the
Filipinos were driven off and through
the mountains, leaving 12 dead. Col-
onel Bisbee is now reinforcing the gar-
rison.

Fears are entertained regarding var-
ious small bodies of General Young's
troops in the province of Abra.

THE CASUALTY LIST

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—General
Otis' latest casualty list is as follows:

MANILA, Dec. 5.—The following
deaths have occurred since last report:
Drowned in Rio Grande, October 27,
Clarence Bonaparte, Twenty-fourth
infantry; acute dysentery, November
24, Thomas Smith, Twenty-second in-
fantry; November 27, Thomas B. Pail,
Twenty-seventh infantry; November
23, Dewane Goodrich, artilloer, Ninth
infantry; November 29, Louis W. Mo-
hun, Ninth infantry; gunshot in action,
November 27, Richard P. Corbett,
Twenty-sixth infantry; November 24,
Harry Hiseock, sergeant, Twenty-sixth
infantry; November 25, James E. Roo-
ney, Twenty-sixth infantry; November
23, John C. Wetherby, Fourth infantry;
uræmia, November 30, John H. Will-
iams, Sixth cavalry; chronic diarrhoea,
November 30, James Hart, Ninth in-
fantry; December 1, Fay Foster, Ninth
infantry.

TAYLOR'S GOOD MAJORITY

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 5.—The
state board of election commissioners,
sitting as a canvassing board, finished
its work this afternoon and tomorrow
morning its members will sit in the
state senate chamber as a canvassing
board to hear arguments in the cases
of the eleven contested counties.

The first of them that will come up
on the question of whether or not the
board has a right to go behind the
certified returns, filed with the secre-
tary of state by the different counties.

Upon the issue of the argument of
this point will rest the name of the
next governor of Kentucky. On the
face of the returns now on file with
the secretary of state Taylor has a
plurality of 2,383. If there is to be no
"going behind" the returns, the board
will have no option but to issue a
certificate of election to Taylor. If the
board decides that it has the power to

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